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The 2020 Census was a challenging undertaking for many reasons including the COVID19 pandemic. Community based organizations played a critical role in achieving as complete of counts as possible. Disaggregated data is very important to the communities we serve. The Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community is very diverse. Each specific ethnicity within the AANHPI community has different needs.

Since the decennial census only occurs every ten years, the American Community Survey (ACS) data provides much needed information to track demographics at the census tract level and properly allocate resources for emergencies like the COVID19 pandemic. It is essential for the U.S. Census Bureau to continue conducting the ACS.

Thank you to the Census Bureau for announcing the Transition of the 2020 Census National Partnership Program to continue as the Office of Strategic Alliances (OSA). This very important decision will have a huge impact on all communities, and especially for the AANHPI and American Indian & Alaska Natives (AIAN) populations.